

sections may be affixed together using any conventional fastening technique (not shown), including, by way of non-limiting example, adhesives, mechanical fasteners, hook and loop fasteners, and the like. The binding attachment **25** has a thickness which is substantially less than the thickness of housing **24'**, illustratively 0.125", and has a lateral peripheral edge **27** extending beyond a lateral peripheral edge **29** of housing **24'** to allow extending surface **25a** to be used as a binding surface.

[0045] In the illustrative embodiment of **FIG. 5**, binding surface **25a** defines at least a first plurality of aligned apertures **28'**. Of course, the pattern of aligned apertures shown in **FIG. 5** is for illustrative purposes only and it will be understood by those skilled in the art that the precise configuration will be selected in accordance with the actual binding technique to be used. In that regard, a principal advantage of the binding attachment of **FIG. 5** is that the specific hole pattern need not be known in advance. Rather, the specific hole pattern can be decided well after purchase and thereafter stamped, punched, drilled or otherwise formed in surface **25a**, as appropriate for the intended use.

[0046] Turning now to **FIGS. 6A and 6B**, there is shown a modified binding attachment **25'** which, when attached to housing **14'** in the manner shown in **FIG. 6C**, provides a document with the same ease of use and general features as the embodiment depicted in **FIG. 5**. As seen in **FIG. 6C**, at least one edge **29'** of housing **24'** is straight and housing **24'** has a front surface **31** and a back surface **33**. As best seen in **FIGS. 6A and 6B**, binding attachment **25'** comprises a binding panel **25a'** adapted to be bound into a holder (not shown) and having attached thereto front and back panels, indicated at **35** and **37**, respectively. In use, front panel **35** is adhered, affixed, or otherwise secured to housing **24'** at the front surface **31** along a straight edge of the housing as edge **29'**. Similarly, back panel **37** is adhered, affixed, or otherwise secured to housing **24'** at the rear surface **33** of housing **24'** along the same straight edge, illustratively, edge **29'**. Like binding surface **25a** of **FIG. 5**, binding panel **25a'** may be stamped, punched, drilled or otherwise operated upon to define an aligned set of apertures to accommodate the binding technique selected by the purchaser or user.

[0047] With reference now to **FIGS. 7A-7C**, there are shown various methods for providing an interface to download information into the video display device. Specifically, the video display device includes a communication interface port for receiving non-proprietary compressed digital data representing a video motion sequence. In the illustrative example of **FIG. 7A**, the interface port **100** comprises a PCMCIA card slot for receiving a PCMCIA memory card **101** having stored thereon compressed digital data representative of a video motion sequence. The data is written onto card **101** by lap top computer **110**. In the illustrative examples of **FIGS. 7B and 7C**, a video input interface **102** is provided for interacting directly with the ISA or other video card **103** of a PC **104** (**FIG. 7B**) or with a CD-ROM reader having stored thereon compressed information to be transferred to the video memory of the video display. In **FIG. 7C** the converter box **105** is connected by cable **106** to the printer port **107** of PC **104** and provides an ISO output port which is connected to cable **109**. Alternatively, an RS-232 port (not shown) may be provided.

[0048] Although the video sequence displaying function of the present invention has been emphasized in the preced-

ing examples, it is contemplated by the inventor herein that various other categories of information may also be stored and displayed. In lieu of or in addition to live action video, one or more animated scenes may be stored and displayed. Or, in the context of a business presentation or an investors relations meeting, a sequence of graphs or charts, each representing an individual "snapshot" of a monitored corporate indicator taken over the course of a particular time interval may be stored and displayed in seriatim and sufficiently rapid to convey movement, as for example, to show the progressive growth in a company's earnings per share, gross sales, stock price, market share or some other measurement of management performance. In accordance with the latter embodiment, the provision of one or more additional touch screen or pushbutton operator(s) permitting the user to scroll backward and/or forward through each successive scene or "document" is especially preferred. Indeed, it is contemplated by the inventor herein that using the system of the present invention, entrepreneurs and others seeking capital contributions or investment may create "video prospecta" in much the same way as printed materials are currently used. Thus, as utilized herein, the term "video sequence" should be understood to refer to any stored collection of scenes, charts, graphs, pictures, or the like which may be organized and sequentially displayed utilizing a video display device such as the one employed in the illustrative embodiments of **FIGS. 1 and 4**.

[0049] By way of more specific example, the video display device of the present invention may be employed to store individual slides, forming a detailed slide show that may, if desired, be accompanied by audio explanations. Yet additional realizations of the present invention may be to provide product demonstrations and/or instructions on the use of a product. As such, while only a few embodiments have been illustrated and described, many variations may be made in the design and configuration without departing from the scope of the invention as set forth in the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A video display device simulating and representing a document comprising a video sequence, the device being without an image acquiring lens and an image to signal transducer, the device comprising:

- a housing having a maximum thickness of less than one inch and having a ratio of each of width and length to maximum thickness of at least five to 1;
- a flat panel display received within said housing;
- a machine-readable video storage module operative to store, as data, said video sequence;
- an operator interface for inputting a user playback command, said operator interface comprising one of a pushbutton operator and a touch screen operator displayed on said flat panel display; and
- a processor operatively associated with the video storage module, said processor being responsive to said user playback command to cause stored video data to be read from said video storage module.

2. The video display device of claim 1, wherein said operator interface comprises a touch screen interface defining a first touch screen operator for initiating playback of the video sequence, a second touch screen operator for initiating